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SUBJ: PDRY INTERIOR MINISTER VISITS UAE

1. PDRY INTERIOR MINISTER SALAH MUSLIH COMPLETED ONE WEEK VISIT TO UAE MAY 23. ACCORDING TO PRESS, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS MINISTERIOR OFFICIALS HERE, HE ALSO MET WITH SHAIKH ZAYID AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SUPREME COUNCIL. PRESS GAVE NO FURTHER INDICATIONS RE SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS.

2. SUDANESE ADVISOR IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN CONVERSTAION MAY 23 WITH DCM OFFERED OBSERVATIONS ON TWO ASPECTS OF VISIT WHICH OF SOME INTEREST.

(A) HE STATED THAT, AS ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED, MUSLIH WAS AFTER MATERIAL AID, SPECIFICALLY FUNDING FOR POLICE VEHICLES AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. ADVISOR COMMENTED THAT UAE AUTHORITIES HAD NOT AGREED TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE. THEY HAD NOT SAID NO--THAT WASN'T THE WAY THINGS WERE DONE--RATHER THEY HAD SAID, INSHALLA".

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ADVISOR STATED THAT WOULD END UP MEANING "NO".

(B) ADVISOR REPORTED THAT MUSLIH HAD ALSO PAID COURTESY CALL ON HIS SUDANESE COUNTERPART, ABDUL WAHAB IBRAHIM, WHO WAS MEMBER OF SUDANESE DELEGATION THE VISIT OF WHICH OVERLAPPED WITH THAT OF PDRY MINISTER. COURTESY CALL HAD TURNED INTO STORMY SESSION, WITH IBRAHIM ACCUSING

PDRY REGIME OF UNDERMINING RED SEA SECURITY THROUGH ITS CLOSE TIES WITH SOVIET UNION. EXCHANGE THEN DE-TERIORATED INTO VARIOUS CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES RELATING TO ETHIOPIA, ERITREANS, ETC. IN SHORT, MEETING WAS VERY SHORT ON COURTESY.

3 COMMENT: SUDANESE ADVISOR, WHO TERMED MUSLIH HARD LINE COMMUNIST, OBVIOUSLY GOT CONSIDERABLE PLEASURE AT LATTER'S LACK OF SUCCESS HERE. IF IN FACT 'INSHALLA' JBES TURN OUT TO MEAN 'NO' IT WILL BE SOMEWHAT RARE CASE OF UAEG TURNING DOWN AID REQUEST. AND IT WILL INDICATE DEGREE OF CAUTION IN TERMS OF AID GIVING TO SOUTH YEMEN--ECOMINIC DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS WITH REFINERY OR FISHING BOATS IS ONE THING, HELPING POLITICALLY ACTIVE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES MAY BE ANOTHER. CIDKMAN

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